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Construction of a Thangal in S. No. 153/1 of Melchangam village.

* 29 *Q.*—Mr. M. B. Rangaswami Reddi: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) the terms of the order on which the construction of a Thangal in S. No. 153/1 of Melchangam village in Chengam taluk was permitted by the authorities in 1909; and

(*b*) whether the terms of the order have been adhered to in recent years and if not, why not?

A.—(*a*) & (*b*) The Government have no information. A report has been called for.

Local Self-Government

Rural Reconstruction Supervisors.

* 30 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the names of the local bodies that have so far appointed Rural Reconstruction Supervisors for village improvement work and the amount of subsidy, if any, sanctioned by the Government to assist such local bodies or other private agencies doing similar work?

A.—No information is available as to the names of the local bodies that have appointed Rural Reconstruction Supervisors. Apart from the grants sanctioned for the improvement of rural water-supply and village communications no grants are sanctioned specifically for the village improvement work.

Measures for the reduction of infant mortality in the Nandyal Municipality.

* 31 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state the measures taken by the Government to reduce the rate of infant mortality which, in 1928–29, rose from 123 to 198 per thousand births in the Nandyal Municipality?

A.—It is the duty of a Municipal Council to take steps to reduce the high rate of infant mortality in its area. When in 1928–29 the Government noted the increase of the rate of infant mortality in the Nandyal Municipality, they requested the Council to take prompt steps to bring it down. The figures for the subsequent years show that infant mortality has been steadily decreasing and that the Council has adopted measures calculated to bring down the high rate.

Measures for the relief of congestion in Nandyal Municipality.

* 32 *Q.*—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government granted any land for the relief of congestion and extension of the town of the Nandyal Municipality, and if so, when; and

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(b) whether the municipality divided the land into numerous house-sites and sold them to prospective builders of houses, and if so, the number of sites sold during each of the years since the grant of the plot, the amounts for which they were sold, and the sums actually collected during each year up to date?

A.—A report [a] on the subject received from the Chairman, Municipal Council, Nandyal, is placed on the table.

Action taken on the memorandum from the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association, etc.

* 33 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) whether a copy of the memorandum presented to him by the Indian Roads and Transport Development Association and several other associations on 21st March 1932 will be placed on the table of the House; and

(b) whether the matter has been considered by the Government and any steps taken to help 'bus trade in this Presidency'?

A.—(a) A copy [b] is placed on the table.
(b) The matter is under consideration.

Mr. A. B. Shetty:—"May I know when the Government expect to arrive at a decision in regard to this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"As the House knows a Committee was appointed to consider the question of bus licence fees and that Committee has appointed a Sub-Committee to go into the question. We are awaiting its report."

Mr. Sami Venkatachalam Chetti:—"Has the Advisory Committee of the Local Self-Government made any recommendation in this matter?"

The hon. Diwan Bahadur B. Muniswami Nayudu:—"They are awaiting the report of that Sub-Committee."

Medical Administration

Appointment of L.I.M.'s to dispensaries under the local bodies.

* 34. Q.—Mr. A. Ranganatha Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(a) the steps the Government have taken to ensure the appointment of qualified L.I.M.'s to dispensaries under the control of local bodies in preference to unqualified practitioners; and

(b) whether any, and if so, how many local bodies have contravened such instructions, if any, issued by the Government and the action taken by them to enforce compliance with those instructions?

a Printed as Appendix III-A on page 107 infra.
b Printed as Appendix IV on pages 108—114 infra.